

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) today issued the following statement after a major magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit the nation of Haiti, earlier this week:

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the families that have been affected by this devastating earthquake. I am monitoring the situation very closely and will use my resources to ensure that swift disaster relief is sent to Haiti and the Haitian people at this time. I ask that all Americans please keep the Haitian people and all victims of this disaster in their thoughts and prayers."

The U.S. State Department, in conjunction with the American Citizen Services, has set up a hotline for U.S. Citizens. If there are any U.S. citizens wondering about their family in Haiti, the U.S. State Department is working with the American Citizen Services and have set up a phone line. The number is 1-888-407-4747.

Additionally, the Mahoning, Trumbull and North Columbiana chapters of the Red Cross are accepting donations for immediate disaster relief. Send donations, earmarked for Haiti relief, to: Mahoning Chapter Red Cross, 8392 Tod Ave., Boardman, Ohio 44512, (330) 726-6063; Trumbull Chapter, 661 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, Ohio 44483, (330) 392-2551; or North Columbiana County, 5843 Ohio 45, Lisbon, Ohio 44432-9396, (330) 424-6610. Donations are also being accepted online, at www.redcross.org.

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